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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

/MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM SUMMIT:

1. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE CABINET MEETING AUGUST 22 CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING REPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO THE CABINET ON THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REVIEWED THE CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES JUST RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN COLOMBO, INCLUDING ITS ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS WHOSE CONTENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA. SUMMING UP THIS SUBJECT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT, COMPARED WITH FORMER CONFERENCES OF THIS ORGANIZATION, THERE WAS NO MEANINGFUL CHANGE -- NEITHER TO THE BETTER NOR TO THE WORSE -- IN THE MANIFESTATIONS OF HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL EXPRESSED IN THE CONFERENCE'S ADDRESSES AND RESOLUTIONS. IT WAS TOO EARLY AS YET TO DETERMINE HOW THE CONFERENCE'S RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE ACTIVITY OF THE FACTORS HOSTILE TO ISRAEL PRECURSORY TO AND DURING THE COURSE OF THE U.N. ASSEMBLY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED

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THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN REVEALED TO BE UNCONSTRUC-

TIVE BOTH FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PROMOTING THE
TURE INTERESTS OF PARTICIPATING STATES, AND AS RE-
GARDS CONTRIBUTING TO PACIFYING GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS. END TEXT.

2. ISRAELI PRESS COMMENT HAS ALSO FOCUSED ON THE
LACK OF MEANINGFUL RESULTS AT COLOMBO. THE COMMENTS
NOTED THE LACK OF ANY DISCUSSION OF THE WAR IN LEBANON
AND THE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT THE CALL FOR AN OIL EMBARGO
WILL BE A THREAT TO ISRAEL. HOWEVER, MOST COMMENTATORS
BELIEVE THE DANGER TO ISRAEL OF THIRD WORLD OPPOSITION
STILL EXISTS; FOR EXAMPLE, DAVAR WROTE: "THE VERY
IDENTIFICATION OF ISRAEL WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA
AND THE RENEWED CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM
TESTIFY TO THE EVER-SHARPENING HOSTILITY OF THAT MAS-
SIVE BLOC AGAINST ISRAEL; IT AUGURS PERSISTENT EFFORTS
TO ISOLATE ISRAEL AND UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMACY OF HER
SOVEREIGN EXISTENCE IN THE EYES OF THE U.N. EVEN IF
THE OUSTER DEMAND HAS, THIS TIME, BEEN SUSPENDED."
ISRAELI TELEVISION CITED "AN UNSPECIFIED POLITICAL
SOURCE IN JERUSALEM" WHO WAS REPORTED
AUGUST 21 TO HAVE SAID THAT INITIAL IMPRESSIONS ARE
THAT EGYPT DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANTI-ISRAELI ACTIVITY
ALTHOUGH "WE MUST WAIT FOR MORE AUTHORITATIVE INFOR-
MATION ABOUT ITS ACTIVITY BEHIND THE SCENES." (SEE
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